



Politics and Electric Industry Restructuring: Prospect for Federal Renewable and Distributed Generation Policies

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Introduction

- Will the November elections have a significant impact on the future of federal policies for renewable and distributed electric generation?

Topics of Discussion

- Current political climate and status of the races for the White House, House, and Senate
- Potential impact of election outcomes on federal electric restructuring legislation
- Reliability concerns and state programs as factors
- Future prospects

Political Past

- Democratic House past 40 years, 58 of last 67 years
- Democratic Senate 34 of last 40 years, 52 of last 67 years
- Republican President 16 of last 20 years

Political Equation - Divided Govt

- Republican/Foreign Policy
- Democrat/Domestic Policy



•Post Cold War

- Politics of Economics
- Politics of the Middle

The 1990s

- D's lose 50 House incumbents, R's lose 8
- D's lose 33 open seats, R's lose 12
- D's fall from 61% to 47% of House
- D's lose 11 seats and control in Senate

Today

- House: R's have edge 223/212
- Senate: R's control 55/45

Party Affiliation

- 34% Democrat
- 28% Republican
- 38% Independent

White House

- Bush - 46%
- Gore - 45%

Electoral College

- Bush - 269
- Gore - 269

New England

- Me, VT, NH, Mass, RI, Conn.,
- Gore - 35
- Bush - 0

Northeast

- Penn, NY, NJ
- Gore - 48
- Bush - 23

Mid Atlantic

- MD, Del, D.C.
- Gore - 16
- Bush - 0

Great Lakes

- OH, MI, IN, ILL, WI
- Bush - 51
- Gore - 33

Plains States

- ND, SD, Neb, Kan, Mis, IA, MN
- Bush - 28
- Gore - 17

South/Southwest

- TN, LA, AR, KY, WVA, TX, FL, OK, Miss, AL, GA, SC, NC
- Bush - 137
- Gore - 39

Mountain West

- MT, Wy, CO, UT, NV, ID
- Bush - 27
- Gore - 5

Far West

- CA, OR, WA, AK, HI
- Gore - 76
- Bush - 3

House

- Seats in Play
 - ◆ D's - 6
 - ◆ R's - 12
 - ◆ D's must take 11 of 18 races to gain control of House

Senate

- 13 competitive races
- D's may pick up 1-5 seats
- D's need 6 seats to control (or 5 seats and W.H.)

Key Senate Races

- R Incumbents: Roth, Abraham, Grams, Ashcroft, Burns, Santorum, Chafee, Gorton
- D Incumbents: Robb
- Open Seats: FL, Neb, NV, NY

Race Summary

- W.H. - toss up
- Senate - lean R
- House - toss up

Electricity at the W.H.

Gore vs. Bush

V.P. Gore

- Administrations Bill

- ◆ RPS
- ◆ SBC
- ◆ Net Metering
- ◆ Interconnection
- ◆ Disclosure

Gov. Bush

- NOX/SOX Cap and Trade
- RPS
- 50% Gas Generation
- Disclosure/Green Power

Political Support

- Gore - climate policy/enviro lobby
- Bush - gas and renewable constituency
- Gore = Bush

House - Barton

- REPI Program Authorization
- Clarify state RPS authority
- Interconnection
- net metering

Senate - Murkowski

- Leave renewable and distributed generation policies to states
- Clarify state authority for SBCs

107th Congress

- Reliability
 - ◆ interconnection/net metering
- State Programs
 - ◆ SBC
 - ◆ RPS
 - ◆ Disclosure

State Programs

Maine	RPS		Disclose
NM		SBC	Disclose
OR		SBC	Disclose
TX	RPS		Disclose
CA		SBC	Disclose
Conn	RPS	SBC	Disclose
ILL		SBC	Disclose
Mass	RPS	SBC	Disclose

State Programs

MN		SBC	
WI	RPS	SBC	
MT		SBC	Disclose
NJ	RPS		Disclose
NV	RPS		Disclose
NY		SBC	Disclose
RI	RPS	SBC	Disclose
PA	RPS	SBC	Disclose

Conclusion

- Next Congress will move legislation
- President and States will lead push for renewable and distributed generation
- Reliability concerns push action and improve conditions for distributed power and energy storage applications